

Softball Hotline 349-3610

*Due by July 11, 2008

- 1st payment of \$337.50 (Men's, Women's, and Co-Rec)
- Completed Tentative Roster with 10 listed players

*Due by August 7-8, 2008 (CO-REC)

- 2nd payment of **\$337.50**
- Completed Final Roster with <u>10 signed</u> players

*Due by August 13-15, 2008 (MEN'S and WOMEN'S)

- 2nd payment of **\$337.50**
- Completed Final Roster with 10 signed players

Final Rosters with less than 10 signed players will NOT be accepted.

- League placements posted on Hotline <u>July 16th</u> by noon.
- If you have a problem with your league placement, you must contact our office before Friday, July 18th, by 5 p.m. After this date no adjustment can/will be made.
- League begins <u>August 10th</u> for co-recreational leagues and August 18th for men's & women's leagues.
- Primary Nights:

Mondays—Competitive C, Recreational B & E

Tuesdays—Competitive B, Recreational D & Women's B

Wednesdays—Competitive A, Recreational A & C

Thursdays—Women's A & C, Competitive D

Fridays—Rotate Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday night games Sundays—Co-Rec A, B, C, D

 Please review the forfeit procedure; changes have been made that will take effect immediately.

Visit us on the Web at http://bloomington.in.gov/parks









Dear Manager,

Welcome to the 2008 Fall Adult Softball program sponsored by the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department. We are proud of the softball program and feel that it is recognized as one of the best in the state. We intend to continue that tradition and make any improvements necessary to make your season as enjoyable as possible.

New for 2008: We have eliminated the process of player fees. All teams are responsible for a flat fee during the registration period listed within this manual. See manual for further details.

This manual contains important information about the softball program. It is important that you familiarize yourself *and your team* with this information.

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Once again, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Good luck and have a great season.

Sincerely,

Mark Sterner Area Sports Manager

07 Fall Soft	ball League Standings			Total
League	Team	Win	Loss	Games
Comp A	DDI	9	1	10
Comp A	Stafford Realty	6	4	10
Comp A	IMA	3	7	10
Comp A	Schulz Painting	2	8	10
Comp C Upper	Metzger, CPA	9	1	10
Comp C Upper	Stimline	8	2	10
Comp C Upper	Hagemeyer & Company	5	5	10
Comp C Upper	Monroe Tuff Jon	5	5	10
Comp C Upper	Mohney Homes	5	5	10
Comp C Upper	Mech-Tech, Inc.	2	8	10
Comp C Upper	Allstate/Hogan Agency	1	9	10
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Comp C Lower	Nasus, Inc.	10	0	10
Comp C Lower	Cross Paint & Body	8	2	10
Comp C Lower	Christenberry Logging	7	3	10
Comp C Lower	Rocky Tops/Sugar Daddy's	6	4	10
Comp C Lower	McCullough Electric	6	4	10
Comp C Lower	Scott Adams Attornery	5	5	10
Comp C Lower	Austin Construction	4	6	10
Comp C Lower	Grenades	4	6	10
Comp C Lower	Frank and His Kids	3	7	10
Comp C Lower	Kinser Timber	2	8	10
Comp C Lower	McDonald's	0	10	10
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Comp D	Greek's Pizzeria	8	2	10
Comp D	Applebee's	7	3	10
Comp D	Bloomington News	7	3	10
Comp D	WS Homes	6	4	10
Comp D	South Dunn Street	6	4	10
Comp D	Advantage Vending	6	4	10
Comp D	Suburban Lanes	5	5	10
Comp D	Ace Rent-A-Car	4	6	10
Comp D	Alley Bar	2	8	10
Comp D	Campus Costumes	2	8	10
Comp D	North Central Church of Christ	1	9	10
Rec A	WD/TPC	8	2	10
Rec A	Lotus Music Festival	8	2	10
Rec A	Rooster's Bar & Grill	6	4	10
Rec A	CDI	5	5	10
Rec A	Douglas Plumbing	3	7	10
Rec A	Everlasting Memorials	3	7	10
Rec A	Raydar	2	8	10
Rec B Upper	The Loggers	9	1	10
Rec B Upper	Roosters Bar & Grill/Perry	8	2	10
Rec B Upper	SOCC/Belcher Construction	6	4	10
Rec B Upper	JRC Transportation	6	4	10

Rec B Upper	Clear Creek Christian Church	5	5	10
Rec B Upper	Team Jackhammer	4	6	10
Rec B Upper	Worms Way	3	7	10
Rec B Upper	Kelley, Belcher & Brown	2	8	10
Rec B Upper	Southern Indiana Scuba	2	8	10
Rec B Lower	Golden Hands Construction	8	2	10
Rec B Lower	Thompson Racing	6	4	10
Rec B Lower	Ken Nunn	6	4	10
Rec B Lower	Rooster's Bar & Grill/Sturgis	4	5	9
Rec B Lower	Century 21	2	8	10
Rec B Lower	Vanhorn Tint & Acc.	3	6	9
Rec C Upper	B.C. United	9	1	10
Rec C Upper	General Electric	5	5	10
Rec C Upper	Hitmen	5	5	10
Rec C Upper	Big Red Liquors	4	6	10
Rec C Upper	Bloomington News	4	6	10
Rec C Upper	Arc Erectors	2	8	10
Rec C Lower	The Jungle Room	9	1	10
Rec C Lower	Cook Pharmica 1	7	3	10
Rec C Lower	Sunrise Greetings	5	5	10
Rec C Lower	Froman's Sausage	4	6	10
Rec C Lower	Stewart Construction	4	6	10
Rec C Lower	Boston Scientific	3	7	10
Rec C Lower	Debbie's Boys	3	7	10
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Rec D Upper	Voils Plumbing	8	2	10
Rec D Upper	Emmanuel Baptist	8	2	10
Rec D Upper	First United Methodist	7	3	10
Rec D Upper	Fox's Cycle	5	5	10
Rec D Upper	Rooster's Bar & Grill/Perry	5	5	10
Rec D Upper	Faith Lutheran	4	6	10
Rec D Upper	GE-The Generals	3	7	10
Rec D Upper	Sunmart	3	7	10
Rec D Upper	Thompson Furniture	2	8	10
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Rec D Lower	One Hour	8	2	10
Rec D Lower	Fairfax Marine	7	3	10
Rec D Lower	Lowers HVAC	7	3	10
Rec D Lower	Meadowood	6	4	10
Rec D Lower	Monroe County Pizza	6	4	10
Rec D Lower	Yogi's Grill & Bar	6	4	10
Rec D Lower	Little Blues Tattoos	4	6	10
Rec D Lower	ECC ECC	3	7	10
Rec D Lower	Bill Ranard's Auto Repair	4	6	10
Rec D Lower	George Walden Drywall	2	8	10
Rec D Lower	Whitestone	2	8	10
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Rec E	New Life UPC	7	3	10
Rec E	Apostolic Bible Church	6	4	10
Rec E	Ray's Wood Products	5	5	10
Rec E	H.E. Fence Company	5	4	9
Rec E	Pliant Corp.	5	4	9
Rec E	Steak-n-Shake	4	6	10
Rec E	Harden Landscaping	4	5	9
Rec E	Flynn Welding	3	7	10
Rec E	Ace Rent-A-Car	1	8	9
Rec E	McDonald's	1	9	10
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WA	Heitink Veneers, Inc.	4	6	10
WA	Nasus, Inc.	2	8	10
WA	Perky Paws Pet Sitting	1	9	10
WB	Top Dog Pet Retreat	9	1	10
WB	Lampkins Classic Carriages	8	2	10
WB	Nat'l Environmental	6	4	10
WB	H.E. Fence Company	6	4	10
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WB	Haskett Carpentry	2	8	10
WB	Stardustracing.com	1	9	10
WC	Fine Print	10	0	10
WC	Hylant Group	9	1	10
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Co Rec B	Team Thrash	8	2	10
Co Rec B	Buffalouies	8	2	10
Co Rec B	T.I.S. Bookstore	7	3	10
Co Rec B	Nature's Way	5	5	10
Co Rec B	Brain Damage	5	5	10
Co Rec B	Ballantine Tool & Die	4	6	10
Co Rec B	Guys and Dolls	4	6	10
Co Rec B	Harmony	1	9	10
Co Rec B	Cook Pharmica 2	0	10	10
Co Rec C	Ken Nunn	8	2	10
Co Rec C	Pop. Flies	8	2	10
Co Rec C	Double Team Supreme	7	3	10
Co Rec C	Boston Scientific	5	5	10
Co Rec C	Ray's Wood Products	5	5	10
Co Rec C	Responders	5	5	10
Co Rec C	OSI Bonedogs	2	8	10
Co Rec C	Unity Bruisers	0	10	10
Co Rec D	Monroe County IUAA	9	1	10
Co Rec D	Worldwide Automotive	7	3	10
Co Rec D	Bloom Marketing Group	7	3	10
Co Rec D	Stone Belt	5	5	10
Co Rec D	Burton Campstore	4	6	10
Co Rec D	Campbell Arts	2	8	10
Co Rec D	TSC	1	9	10



FALL SOFTBALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

June 30 – July 11, 2008

I. Sign up

A. League selections sign-up where you think your team can be competitive with others in the same class. Leagues are assigned a primary night indicated below and will play approximately three games on Friday nights throughout the season. Friday nights may also be used for rain-outs.

<u>Primary Nights</u> - CO-REC WILL PLAY ON SUNDAYS. FOR ALL OTHER LEAGUES, 10 GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON THE PRIMARY NIGHT.

MONDAYS -Competitive C, Recreational B, E

TUESDAYS -Competitive B, Recreational D, Women's B

WEDNESDAY -Competitive A, Recreational A & C **THURSDAYS** -Women's A & C, Competitive D

FRIDAYS -No League Play SUNDAYS -Co-Rec A, B, C, D

B. **2008 Program Information**

1. Scheduling

- a. Games played at Twin Lakes
- b. Reasonable requests must be indicated on tentative rosters.
- c. League placement announced after Noon on Wednesday, July 16 on the softball hotline, 349-3610. If you have a problem with your league placement, you must contact our office by 5:00pm on Friday, July 18. After this date, no adjustment can/will be made.

2. Tentative /Final Roster

- a. Entire teams may not participate in 2 different leagues.
- b. Players may not play for 2 teams in the same division.
- c. Players that play on a Competitive C or above league must be approved by the Parks & Recreation office to participate on a team that is placed in our recreational leagues. Homerun hitters should choose leagues situated in our competitive divisions only.
- d. Players must choose to participate in Competitive A or B. You may not participate in both divisions.
- e. Teams will be placed by the advisory board based on the composite ability of the players on the roster.

3. **Staffing Needs**

- a. Umpires
- b. Supervisors
- c. Scorekeepers
- d. Concessions

Applications are available at the main Parks & Recreation office (401 N. Morton Street, Suite 250) during business hours. Those interested in the umpire school may contact Mark Sterner (349-3768), for more information.

- 4. Reminder, at random roster audits <u>will</u> take place for the spring/summer league.
- 5. Individuals looking for a team may sign up on our individual sign up sheet available at the main Parks and Recreation office. Managers looking for players may come in to obtain a copy of the individual sign-up sheet. This is not a guarantee of placement on a team within the Bloomington Softball Association.
- II. Fees All team fees must be brought to the main Parks and Recreation Office, 401 N. Morton St., Suite 250. (Check, cash, or Master Card/Visa accepted). Office hours are 8am-5pm Monday-Friday. Managers may obtain registration information and mail, call-in/or bring in team fees June 30 through July 11 from 8am-5pm. No team fees will be accepted at Twin Lakes.

Team - \$675 Men's and Women's and Co-recreational, <u>half of the sponsor</u> <u>fee due no later than Friday, July 11</u>. The remaining balance is due for all Co-recreational teams August 7 & 8, Men's and Women's teams August 13-15. A \$15 late fee is assessed after August 15.

**Managers should submit your roster and payment (multiple checks made out to Bloomington Parks and Recreation are acceptable).

Rosters with less than 10 players will not be accepted.

- III. Schedule Release Dates Co-Rec teams pick up on August 7 or 8, Men's and Women's team pick on August 13-15 at the main office for Parks and Recreation, located at 401 N. Morton St., suite 250 (City Hall); when final roster with a minimum 10 players are turned in. At this point the final team fee payment is due. We will not be accepting team fees at Twin Lakes.
 - A. Season begins August 10 Co-Rec Season begins August 18 - Men's and Women's
 - B. Game times and fields Twin Lakes
 - C. All league games Monday Friday, 6:00, 7:10, 8:20, and 9:30 and all Co-Rec leagues, Sundays, 1:40, 2:50, 4:00, and 5:10.

IV. ASA Rules - See 2008 ASA guidebook. (Will receive upon paying balance of team fee).

V. Practice Field Reservations

Available Fields

Bryan Park

-March – October: **available times may vary**Thompson Park

Lower Cascades

-March – October: **available times may vary**.

-March – October: **available times may vary**.

VI. Renting Fields for Tournaments

Cost - \$25 with maintenance, \$17 without maintenance; this price is per hour per day when fields are available

<u>Includes:</u> maintenance, lights, field supervisor, bases, scoreboards, concession (based upon event size).

<u>**Does not include:**</u> umpires, scorekeepers, balls, awards, and teams. **Contact Mark Sterner (349-3768) to determine available weekends.

II. Miscellaneous

- A. 2008 A.S.A. Junior Olympic 10U A & B State Tournament July 11-13
- B. 2008 A.S.A. Girl's Class A 10 and Under Fast Pitch National Championship
- C. No one but on-duty Parks & Rec staff/umpires (ABSOLUTELY NO MANAGERS, PLAYERS OR SPECTATORS) will be allowed in the umpires/supervisors rooms at Twin Lakes or Lower Cascades.
- D No one under the age of 18 will be allowed in the dugouts at Twin Lakes or Lower Cascades during our adult softball program.

SOFTBALL INFORMATION HOTLINE 349-3610

PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE 349-3700

The hotline number will be operable for league placement, standings, tournament information and rain out information. Please circulate this number to your players. All information on this line will be as current as possible 24 hours a day. **Do not call this number before 3:00 p.m. on weekdays and 12:00 p.m. on Sundays**. That is the decision time for games that night/day.

VII E-Mail Addresses

You may e-mail the sports staff at the following addresses:

Mark Sterner, Area Sports Manager at: sternerm@bloomington.in.gov

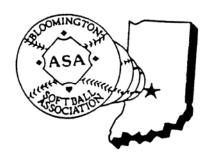
Dee Tuttle, Sports Coordinator at: tuttled@bloomington.in.gov

Indiana ASA: www.indiana-asa.org

ASA (certified bats, equipment, etc.): www.asasoftball.com

Parks and Recreation: www.bloomington.in.gov/parks This sight is designed to provide the following information: Manager Information, Softball Manual,

Rainout information, Standings, and tentative roster.



FALL 2008 BLOOMINGTON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

LEAGUE FEES/DEADLINES

MEN'S, WOMEN'S & CO-RECREATIONAL LEAGUES

Team Fee

10-game schedule

\$150 (Umpires)

50 (Balls)

20 (Supervisors)

30 (Scorekeepers)

30 (Awards)

20 (ASA Sanction Fee)

\$300 = Total Fee

The remaining team fee covers:

- -Field Lighting (Electric) -Field Maintenance (equip. and product)
- -Water/Sewer

Half of the team fee and tentative rosters Due By 5:00p.m. Friday, August 11, 2008. All rosters are frozen at this point. Any roster additions must be approved by softball administration to add players beyond August 11.

<u>Final Complete Rosters Due and Schedules Released</u> - At the main Parks and Recreation office August 7-8 for Co-Rec teams and August 13-15 for all Men's and Women's teams from 8am-5pm. **At this point the remaining balance of the team fee is due.**

^{**} A team will not be allowed to play until all team fees have been paid.

Explanation of Fees

- 1. Team Fees are used to cover direct costs of the program (utility, staff, and maintenance of the fields).
- 2. Two new balls are furnished for each game and one is given to each team following the game.
- 3. Sanction fee for ASA is mandatory for all teams. This fee is included in your \$675 team fee
- 4. No forfeit fee was included in the fee. If your team **forfeits a game** without giving **prior notice** they **will not** be able to play again until a \$15 **non-refundable fine is paid**. Prior notice must give Sports Administration time to contact the opponent and staff.

ROSTER AUDIT POLICY

The Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department will conduct atrandom roster audit again this season. We allow managers to add players throughout the course of the season with prior approval. This process is in place to keep the playing field fair allowing us to check to make sure that everyone listed on a team's line-up has gained necessary approval. We are making an effort to allow managers more roster flexibility throughout the course of the season. We expect our managers to follow the rules.

During the **at-random roster audit** the softball supervisor will check the original roster prior to the game with the audited team. Players will be asked to provide identification to verify identity. If the player cannot, or refuses to provide picture identification the team manager will have 24 hours to prove the players identity. If the player/manager fails to comply within 24 hours the game will be recorded as a forfeit for the offending team. **Managers and offending players caught participating without necessary approval and signed on the roster are subject to removal from the Adult Softball Association.**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

BLOOMINGTON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION FALL 2008

SECTION I - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Name and Objective - The name of the organization shall be the Bloomington Softball Association. Its objective shall be to foster softball and the aims and ideals of the Department of Parks and Recreation; to present a healthful and wholesome pastime to all those who are interested, whether as players or spectators; and to uphold the principles of good sportsmanship and fair play.

<u>Membership</u> - Any amateur softball team may become a member of this association providing the personnel eligibility requirements, as set forth in Section II, are met by all members.

<u>Administration</u> - The affairs of the Bloomington Softball Association shall be governed by the Department of Parks & Recreation and administered by the Area Sports Manager, full-time Sports Division Staff and designated league supervisors.

<u>Administrative and Disciplinary Action</u> - The Sports Coordinator shall rule on all cases of player and spectator misconduct, protests of games and objectives and purposes of the Association as expressed in Section I, and the rules and regulations in this document and the Official Rule Book of the Amateur Softball Association (ASA).

<u>Board of Representatives</u> - A Board of Representatives for the association shall be appointed by the Area Sports Manager and Sports Coordinator will consist of members of the leagues and one member of the Umpires Association.

<u>Function of the Board</u> - The Board shall assist the Area Sports Manager and the Sports Coordinator in making decisions involving team placement by skill level into the appropriate division of play. The Board may sit in review of any appealed protest or administrative action previously ruled on by the Area Sports Manager or the Sports Coordinator.

a. All appeals must be submitted in writing to the Sports Coordinator within 48 hours of the initial ruling. In the case of appealed decisions, the Board of Representatives shall review all cases when necessary and either uphold the decision as handed down by the Area Sports Manager or recommend secondary action. Decisions involving departmental policy cannot be appealed.

When the Board of Representatives is called to hear a case, a majority of the members must be present to constitute a quorum. Meetings may be called by the Area Sports Manager with a 24 hour notice.

<u>Playing Rules</u> The official rules of "Slow Pitch" softball as approved by the Amateur Softball Association shall govern the play of the Association except where modified by the Bloomington Softball Association.

League Ties

Should two or more teams tie in the final standings of a league for a position to which awards are presented, there will be no playoff. The tie breaking procedure is as follows:

- 1. Best percentage head to head competitive record. (not valid with incomplete head to head schedule)
- 2. Average margin of victory in head to head competition. (not valid with incomplete head to head schedule)
- 3. Average margin of victory in all league play.

SECTION II - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND CONDUCT

Player Personnel

To be eligible to participate in the Bloomington Softball Association for 2008 a player:

- a. Must be 18 years of age prior to participation. A player is eligible on their eighteenth birthday.
- b. Players may play on more than one team providing they are not in the same division. Administration will not make provisions during the scheduling process to avoid time conflicts for players participating on multiple teams.
- c. A team, in a specific league, is limited to a maximum of 4 players (per approval) who wish to play on another team in a different league. (i.e., The same five players playing on a Competitive B team will not be permitted to participate on a Competitive C team.)
- d. Players participating on a Competitive D or higher team must be approved by the Twin Lakes office to participate in our Recreational leagues.

Rosters

- 1. Every player must sign the official team roster. Rosters for the first game are due in the Parks and Recreation Office on the assigned days listed on the fee sheet. Any team whose roster is not on file prior to that team's participation in a game will warrant the forfeiture of that game and any others until the roster is completed and on file.
- 2. **Roster adjustments and additional players, different from the tentative roster, may be added throughout the course of the season. In this instance, all non-active players must be dropped from the roster. Additional players may be added only by approval of Mark Sterner and/or Dee Tuttle.
- 3. We no longer have the <u>3</u> reserve player option. Managers may roster as many players as they need to complete the season. All players added to the roster beyond July 11 must gain approval from Sports Administration and sign the team roster.

Transfers

- 1. A player that desires to transfer to another team must have his or her manager notify Mark Sterner and/or Dee Tuttle prior to be considered an eligible transfer. A player may only transfer once during a season.
 - a. All transfers must follow all necessary eligibility requirements listed in section II of this document.

Player Conduct

- 1. Bloomington Parks and Recreation operates a zero tolerance league with respect to unsportsmanlike conduct before, during, and after games. This includes vulgar language and verbal abuse to our staff. Conduct in these categories constitutes ejection **without warning**. This is a written warning of this policy. A cornerstone of this program is a clean environment; therefore umpires are instructed to issue ejections on audible obscenities. Please notify your players of this policy before the season starts.
- 2. Any Sports Division full-time staff, departmental supervisors, or any duly appointed umpire, shall have the power to remove from the game any player, manager, or spectator who shall dispute the accuracy of their decisions or judgments on a play or who shall engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 3. The manager/coach of the team affected shall be responsible for the removal of the offending person(s) from the game. The Softball Supervisor will assist in this removal if necessary. If the offender fails to leave within 2 minutes, the game officials may forfeit the game to the opposing team.
- 4. A participant ejected from the game by an official is automatically ineligible for the next game for <u>that</u> team. Additionally, <u>if the participant is rostered</u> <u>with another team(s)</u>, <u>he/she is ineligible for that next game(s)</u>. Any situation involving participants and spectators misconduct shall be referred to the Area Sports Manager for possible further administrative action.
- 5. Any player or coach who has been expelled from **two** games during the season will be dismissed for the remainder of the season.
- 6. Any participant who assaults another player, coach, spectator, official, or Parks and Recreation employee, shall be <u>dismissed</u> from the league. **Violent threats or verbal attacks are considered assaults**. This action will not be appealed before the Board.
- 7. Any player who throws a bat that may endanger other participants or spectators shall be ejected from the game. No prior warning from the umpire is necessary. The batter shall be declared out and runners may not advance.
- 8. No player, coach or spectator shall be allowed on the premises if under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Additionally, smoking is not allowed inside the fenced in areas at Twin Lakes. On March 27, 2003, the City of Bloomington Common Council passed smoking ordinance 03-06. Effective August 1, 2003, the ordinance bans smoking in public places and places of employment.

- 9. No pets are allowed inside the fenced property of Twin Lakes or Lower Cascades parks per city ordinance.
- 10. It is the responsibility of the Manager/Coach of each team to insure that all players have read and understand the provisions of these rules and regulations and those of the Official ASA Rule Book. Ignorance of these provisions shall be no excuse for their being abused.

Uniform Requirements

- 1. A minimum uniform requirement for all leagues shall be: All players with same color uniform jersey/or T-shirt with a minimum of 6-inch numerals located on the back. This rule will be enforced beginning with the first game of the season!
- 2. An out will be recorded for any player failing to comply with the uniform requirements each time they come to bat. The player will be allowed to take their turn at bat. If the player would be the 3rd out of the inning, he/she will be declared out and not be allowed to bat until the next inning. No additional out will be declared in the next inning. **The deadline for compliance is the day of your first scheduled game of play.

SECTION III - GAME ADMINISTRATION

- 1. All games shall be scheduled at **70-minute** intervals. Games will start at the scheduled time or upon completion of the preceding game. Game time is forfeit time. A **65-minute** game time limit will exist. Clock will begin with the release of the first pitch. No new inning will begin after the 65-minute game time limit has expired. No extension of innings will be allowed except in the case of ties.
- 2. In instances where a preceding game was completed prior to the expiration of the time limit, teams should be present and ready to play within 10 minutes. Teams should report to the field no later than ½ hour before their scheduled game time.

No game will start before its scheduled time unless both teams agree to start early.

- 3. A forfeit will be called by the **Softball Supervisor** if a team is not ready to play and has less than eight players **in their dugout at game time.**
- 4. Any team starting with less than their declared number of players will be penalized an out for each player short. A team must declare 9, 10 or 11 players. When any additional players arrive, they must be inserted into the game and be placed at the end of the batting order. (This rule does not apply to Co-Rec). If a team starts the game with 8 players, an out is recorded at the bottom of the batting rotation for each player absent from the number declared.
- 5. Completed line-up forms <u>must</u> be turned into the scorekeeper at least 5 minutes before game time. In instances where a preceding game is still in progress or has gone into extra innings, at your scheduled game time, the line-up rule is still enforced. If only one team has their line-up in on time, they automatically get the choice of home or visiting team. If both teams' line-ups are not in on time, the game clock will begin at game time and the first team to submit their line-up will get the choice of home or visiting team. However, the actual game will not start until both line-ups are turned in. If both line-ups are in on time, no

- penalty is enforced. Line-up sheets are available at each score tower.
- 6. Pre-game warm-up is only permitted to take place in the outfield playing area and the designated warm-up area.
- 7. **RUN AHEAD RULE:** 20 after three innings, 15 after four innings or 10 after five innings
- 8. The following over the fence home run limits will be in effect: Competitive A four homeruns per team & progressive up to six, Competitive B Three homeruns per team & progressive up to five, Competitive C Two homeruns per team & progressive up to four. All balls hit over the fence in excess of the following limits will result in the batter being declared out. Players will not run the bases.

Substitution

A starter may re-enter the game once, provided:

- 1. He/she must occupy the same position in the batting order.
- 2. In the case of player injury, a substitute who has already played may re-enter a game in his/her place to avoid forfeiture. If there is the possibility of more than one substitute, the opposing team may pick which substitute should enter the game.

Forfeitures

- 1. Men's and women's teams who forfeit must give a 24 hour notice to the main Parks and Recreation office. All co-recreational teams that forfeit a game must contact the main Parks and Recreation office on the Friday prior to the forfeiture to avoid an assessed fee. Those that do not must post a \$15 forfeiture fee with the Parks and Recreation office before their next game.
- 2. Games that are forfeited during the course of a game due to a technical rule violation or games which are forfeited with notification to the sports department at least 24 hours before game time will not have a forfeiture fee penalty imposed.
- 3. If a team fails to pay the forfeiture fee before its next game, the game will be declared a forfeit.
- 4. A team who forfeits **2 league games**, during the regular season, is subject to dismissal from the Bloomington Softball Association.

Ground Rules

- 1. Ground rules will be established for each facility and discussed with team captains prior to each game.
- 2. Any player who, in the umpire's judgment, excessively digs or removes dirt from

the batter's box will be declared out.

Regulation Game

- 1. A regulation game shall consist of seven innings. A full seven innings need not be played if the team second at bat scores more runs in six and one half innings, and/or before the third out in the last of the seventh inning, or the run ahead rule is applied.
- 2. The Softball Supervisor and umpire together may make a decision to postpone or cancel a game in progress due to inclement weather (lightning, rain, etc.). If lightning or thunder is identified, play will be suspended for 30 minutes provided there is no additional lightning sited or thunder heard. Each bolt of lightning or sound of thunder constitutes another 30-minute delay period. A game is declared complete if five or more complete innings have been played, or if the team second at bat has scored more runs in four or more innings than the other team has scored in five or more innings. In all situations, the Area Sports Manager and/or Sports Coordinator are contacted before final decision is made.
- 3. Games that are not declared complete (regulation) will be played over from the beginning at a later scheduled date.

Rain Outs/Rescheduled Games

- 1. Rain out information is available by calling the Softball Information Hotline, 349-3610, by 3:00 p.m. weekdays and by 12:00 p.m. on Sundays.
- 2. The Bloomington Parks and Recreation rescheduling policy stipulates that no game vacancies will be permitted. Rescheduling requires advanced planning and effort by the manager who desires to reschedule. All cases begin with calling the Area Sports Manager or the Sports Coordinator to obtain manager and game information. The two following cases are the only ones permitted:
- Case #1. Switch the entire game with another game in any league. This requires approval from all three managers involved.
- Case #2. Trade opponents within your league from the original schedule while keeping the game times/dates the same. This requires approval from the switching team and only <u>informing</u> the team that does not change.

In both cases, final notification is to be given to the sports staff and all teams involved.

New Rule Will Not Be Adopted For League Play

ASA Championship play now permits stealing in all men's slow pitch play. This is Rule 8, Section 4 – New G. The Bloomington Parks and Recreation softball league WILL NOT adopt this rule for league play.

SECTION IV - FEES AND CHARGES

<u>Team Fee:</u> \$675 Men's, Women's and Co-Rec *See previously mentioned payment process

Forfeit Fee: \$15 (not included in Sponsor fee)

Teams will not be allowed to play until all team fees are paid. Should there ever be any dispute regarding payment of fees, failure to provide a receipt will result in no refund being given.

<u>ASA Sanction Fee</u> - All teams will be required to post a \$20 sanction fee for ASA, which is included in the team fee.

SECTION V - PROTESTS

- 1. Protests will not be considered regarding judgment situations. Protests regarding rules and their application must follow these procedures to be valid:
 - A. Inform the home plate umpire and official scorekeeper of the protest prior to the next pitch. Be sure the scorekeeper records the protest in the score book noting the conditions at the time of the protest.
 - B. Within 24 hours, submit a written protest to the Parks and Recreation office accompanied by a \$25 protest fee. Protest forms are available at the fields and the Parks and Recreation office.
 - C. In the case of player eligibility or identity, A and B must be followed above. The player must be identified on the spot by the Softball Supervisor and the necessary form and fee (B) be submitted. Post-event calls or inquiries on player identity or eligibility are considered self-policing and will only influence future games.
- 2. The Area Sports Manager and/or Sports Coordinator will review the protest and make a ruling. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded. If the protest is denied, the fee will be retained. When a protest is upheld, the game will resume at the point of protest.
- 3. Decisions made by the Area Sports Manager and/or the Sports Coordinator regarding protests may be appealed to the Board of Representatives.

SECTION VI - GENERAL

- 1. Any matter not covered by these Rules and Regulations or an ASA Rule Book will be left to the discretion of the Area Sports Manager. His decision, in all cases, except those involving departmental policies may be appealed to the Board of Representatives. The decision reached by the Board shall be final.
- 2. Managers, players, spectators, and off-duty staff are <u>NOT</u> permitted in the umpires/supervisors room at Twin Lakes or Lower Cascades Parks.

 Managers, players and spectators who choose to ignore this rule will be escorted from the facility and could face further action by the Area Sports Manager and/or the Sports Coordinator.
- 3. No one under the age of 18 is permitted in the dugouts during our adult league softball program.







2008 SUMMER CO-RECREATIONAL SOFTBALL RULES

All league and ASA rules apply to co-recreational softball except for the following changes:

- 1. All men must bat opposite their natural hand. If an opposing team wants to challenge the natural hand of a player they must inform the umpire. The umpire will inform the questioned player to switch to the other side to bat the rest of the game.
- 2. The batting order must be alternated, i.e., male bats then female, then male, etc.
- 2 males and 2 females must play in the infield and outfield and may play any position. The pitcher and catcher must be opposite sexes. *Exception: When starting a game with less than 5 males or females, at least one male and one female must play in the infield and outfield. The pitcher and catcher must be opposite sexes.
- 4. A male must be substituted for a male and a female for a female.
- 5. ***Any walk to a male batter will result in a two-base award. The next batter (a female) will bat. EXCEPTION: With two outs, the female batter has the option to walk or bat. NOTE: Should the female batter runner-pass a male batter-runner when choosing to walk, no out shall be called during the dead ball period. A male batter-runner advancing to second without touching first base shall be called out if properly appealed.
- 6. Sliding is permitted, however, please be careful to slide only to <u>prevent</u> injury or interference not to <u>cause</u> injury or interference.
- 7. Steel cleats may <u>not</u> be worn.
- 8. A game may start with no less than 4 males and 4 females. An out is recorded for every player less than 10 in a game. In the event there are an odd number of male or female players, an out is recorded when the same sex bats consecutively. A game may start with 2 extra players 12 players (6 male and 6 female). If a team starts with 10 they must finish with 10. If a team starts with 12 players they must finish with 12. Alternating batting order must be used. Any 10 of the 12 players (5 of each sex) can play defense. The batting order may not change.
- 9. When males are at bat, the 12" ball will be used, when females bat the 11" ball will be used. There is no penalty or protest for using the wrong ball.







LINE-UP SHEET

LEAGUE:			
TEAM NAME:			
MANAGER'S NAME:			
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	#NO	POS
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BALLFIELD RESERVATION PROCEDURE



In order to more efficiently accommodate our clients who wish to reserve ballfields, the following procedure has been implemented. Reservations will be accepted at the Office by calling 349-3700, (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.). Clients must then come in to pay appropriate fees by Thursday of the same week or unpaid field reservations will be released to other teams.

The following fields are available: **Lower Cascades, Bryan Park** and **Thomson Park** during available times. Please contact the office of Parks and Recreation 349-3700 or 349-3768 to check availability.

Fees

Bryan Park, Lower Cascades = \$9 w/out lights (per 1.5 hours) Thomson = Free (1.5 hour time increments)

For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Office at 349-3700 from 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

*Rosters with less than 10 signed players WILL NOT be accepted.



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349-3700

League	Team	Date Audited

I, the undersigned player, acknowledge, agree and understand that: 1. Voluntarily and of my own free will, I elect to participate as a member of the softball team and league indicated above. 2. I understand that there are certain risks and hazards involved in participating in softball that may result in injury or death to me or other players, including, but not limited to those hazards associated with weather conditions, playing conditions, equipment and other participants. 3. I understand that sliding into base is dangerous to me and to other players and may result in serious injury or death. 4. I understand that the very nature of the game of softball is hazardous and risky, including, but not limited to, the acts of pitching, throwing, fielding, and catching of the ball, the swinging of the bat, running, jumping, stretching, sliding, diving, and collisions with other players and with stationary objects, all of which can cause serious injury or death to me and to other players. 5. In the event of such an injury to myself or my child and I or my spouse cannot be contacted. I give permission to the attending physician to render such treatment as would be normal and agree to pay the usual charges for such treatment. Further, I the undersigned player, agree that in consideration for the right to play as a member of the team designated above and in consideration for permission to play on the fields arranged for by the team or league: 1. I voluntarily elect to accept and assume all risks of injury incurred or suffered by me (a) while practicing or playing as a member of the team so designated, (b) while serving in a non-playing capacity as a team member during practice or play by other teams or by other players on my team, and (c) while on or upon the premises of any and all of the fields arranged or by my team or league for practice or play. 2. I release, discharge, and agree not to sue the team and league designated above, the City of Bloomington or other entity designated above, the Amateur Softball Association of America, or their owners, officers, agents, servants, associations, employees, or any person or entity connected with the team, league, field or Amateur Softball Association of America for any claim, damages, costs or cause of action which I have or may in the future have as a result of injuries or damages sustained or incurred by me from whatever cause including but not limited to the negligence, breach of contract or wrongful conduct of the parties hereby release.

	Player 1	Player 2	Player 3	Player 4	Player 5
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Address					
City, State, Zip					
Home Phone					
Work Phone					
Date of Birth					
Signature					

	Player 6	Player 7	Player 8	Player 9	Player 10
Name					
Address					
City, State, Zip					
Home Phone					
Work Phone					
Date of Birth					
Signature					

	Player 11	Player 12	Player 13	Player 14	Player 15
Name					
Address					
City, State, Zip					
Home Phone					
Work Phone					
Date of Birth					
Signature					

As manager of this team, I have duly signed the above players and certify that appropriate fees have been submitted and that each player has read and understands the statements on this roster.

Signed	(Manager):			
		Date:		
*All refunds v	will be subject to a minimu	m \$2 fee to cover administrative costs.		



TENTATIVE ROSTER



Men's Women's Co-Rec

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